GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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UNAUTHORISED PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that a large number of unauthorised petrol pumps and barrel points are operating in rural areas on the National Highways in the country; State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government has recently directed the States/UTs to launch a drive against unauthorised petrol pumps and barrel points;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the role played by oil companies in detecting unauthorized petrol pumps in the country; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the owners of unauthorized petrol pumps?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. Some State Governments such as Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal have issued licences for petty dealers or barrel storage points for retailing diesel in rural areas. As such permission in not in consonance with the provisions of Motor Spirit & High Speed Diesel Control Order, 1998, the matter is being brought to the attention of the State Governments concerned and Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have been asked to conduct a survey and identify such unauthorized pumps. OMCs have also been asked to expand their network to serve rural areas to cater to the demand of the agriculture sector.